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OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CARRIERS BY THE INDIANA UTILITY)
REGULATORY COMMISSION PURSUANT)
TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF)
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NPCR, INC. d/b/a NEXTEL PARTNERS)
TO BE DESIGNATED.)

CAUSE NO. 41052 ETC 43

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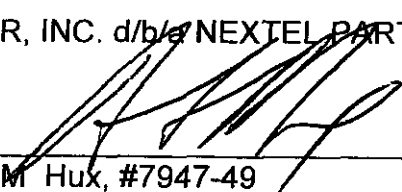
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FILING OF HIGH COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDING CERTIFICATION

Comes now, NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners, by counsel, Alan M. Hux, and files its High Cost Universal Service Funding Certification for All Eligible Rural Telecommunications Carriers.

Respectfully submitted,

NPCR, INC. d/b/a NEXTEL PARTNERS



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AFFIDAVIT

As an authorized corporate officer of NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners, I

Brian Rowan, under penalty of perjury, hereby affirm familiarity with and understanding of the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the receipt of Universal Service Funds and affirm that funds received for high cost loop support (47 C.F.R., Part 36), local switching support (47 C.F.R. §54.301), and any high cost support received as a result of a purchase of exchanges (47 C.F.R. §54.305) will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to 47 U.S.C 254(e).

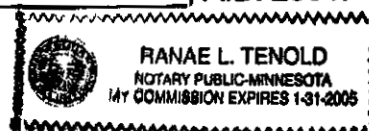
Brian L. Rowan
 (Signature)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
 (Title)

3/25/04
 (Date)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 25th day of March, A.D. 2004.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires January 31, 2005

Attachment B

(Revised 6/18/03)

**High Cost Universal Service Funding Certification
For All Eligible Rural Telecommunications Carriers
IURC Cause No. 42067**

Each rural carrier is required to complete this form in order to receive certification by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission that the carrier is eligible to receive federal high-cost loop support. If a particular question does not apply, simply mark it "N/A." If you need to attach additional sheets, please do so. If you have any questions, please call the Telecommunications Division at 317-232-2785.

Carrier Name: NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners

Study Area Code 329008

IURC Cause No.: 42067-HLS-43

Carrier Address: 4500 Carillon Point

Kirkland, WA 98033

Contact Name: Boyd Daniels

Contact Email: boyd.daniels@nextelpartners.com

Position: Tax Manager

Phone: (425) 576-3684 **FAX:** (425) 238-7494

1. With regard to your Study Area¹ please provide the following information, using the most current year-end financial statements (preferably audited):

Federal Loop Support:	\$ 0
Federal Switching Support:	\$ 0
Federal Interstate Common Line Support:	\$ 0
Total Federal Support ² :	\$ 0
Total SLC Revenues:	\$ 0
Total Common Line Costs	\$ 0

2. Do you expect the amount of Federal Universal Service funding you will receive in the coming year to change by a significant amount from prior years? If yes, please estimate how much more or less you will be receiving, and explain the reason for the change (if you know).

Yes, 2004 is the first year of ETC designation in the state of Indiana. USAC projections for support in the second quarter of 2004 are \$11,966 per month, consisting of HCL, SNA, IAS, LTS, LSS and ICLS.

3. Explain how your company plans to use federal universal service funds it will receive in the coming calendar year. Indicate below how those funds will be applied to provision, maintain, and upgrade eligible facilities and services.

Provision:	\$ 413,000	network expansion in designated areas
Maintenance:	\$ 0	
Upgrade:	\$ 0	
Total:	\$ 413,000	

¹ Study area refers to the geographic area established by a State Commission for the purpose of determining universal service obligations and support mechanisms according to § 214(e)(5)

² To calculate Total Federal Support, add the values from loop, switching and ICLS support

Please describe any upgrade projects that are being funded with federal universal service funds:

New Sites.

Scottsburg	\$133,300	Expand Coverage
Incremental switch capital for Scottsburg	\$ 7,465	
Riley	\$146,612	Expand Coverage
Incremental switch capital for Riley	\$ 467	

Site Modifications:

Greencastle	\$ 18,265	TTA – Expand Coverage
Paxton	\$ 41,099	Antenna Change – Expand Coverage
Allendale	<u>\$ 66,026</u>	Sectorize site – expand coverage
	<u>\$413,234</u>	

4. Describe the level of access to advanced services presently available to your customers³. Information can include but is not limited to digitized central offices, packet switching, DSLAM equipment, and high-speed asymmetric DSL lines.

Nextel services do not provide data rates fast enough to be characterized as advanced services.

5. What future infrastructure investments, if any, are planned to enhance customer access to advanced services?

N/A

³ In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service and the MAG Plan, Fourteenth Report and Order, CC Docket Nos 96-45 and 00-256 at Paragraphs 200-201 The FCC Order appears to encourage the use of federal high-cost loop support for the deployment of equipment capable of providing access to advanced services.

6. Please identify any competitive eligible telecommunications communications carriers operating in your study area, and if you are receiving access revenue from them, how much.

\$0

7. Do you have any Special Access surcharge revenues? If so, please identify the annual amount of revenue received for the reporting period.

NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners, Inc. does not have access revenues.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S)
CERTIFICATION OF RURAL CARRIERS')
ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE FEDERAL HIGH-COST)
UNIVERSAL SUPPORT, PURSUANT TO THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996, THE)
FCC'S MAY 23, 2001 ORDER, AND OTHER)
RELATED FCC ORDERS.)

CAUSE NO. 42067 HLS-43

APPROVED: MAR 31 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

Gregory S. Colton, Administrative Law Judge

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission issued an Order¹ ("the FCC's RTF Order") assigning to state commissions the responsibility of certifying whether rural carriers are using federal high-cost support in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Pursuant to Section 254(e), carriers must use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended."

In order to carry out the FCC's directive, this Commission issued a consolidated order in this Cause and Cause No. 40785 prescribing forms to be filled out and procedures to be followed by those rural carriers seeking certification. Upon reviewing the applications submitted by rural carriers seeking certification, the Commission issued orders in this Cause on September 26, 2001 and September 11, 2002 certifying the eligibility of Indiana rural carriers to receive federal high-cost support. In a June 18, 2003 docket entry issued in this Cause and Cause No. 40785, the Commission amended the form to be filled out by carriers seeking certification.

On March 17, 2004, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission issued an Order in Cause No. 41052-ETC 43 approving the request by NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners to be designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. Nextel Partners, a wireless carrier, was authorized to serve as an ETC in selected study areas of Indiana rural telephone companies.

On March 24, 2004, Nextel Partners filed with the Commission a completed application and affidavit that are required by the IURC before the IURC will certify a carrier as being eligible to receive federal high-cost loop support.

Upon reviewing the completed application, the Commission finds that Nextel Partners has demonstrated the requisite compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as interpreted by the FCC's RTF Order and this Commission's August 22, 2001 Order. More specifically, based on the completed applications, we find that

¹ In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service and the MAG Plan, Fourteenth Report and Order, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256.

Nextel Partners will be using federal high-cost support (which includes high-cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high-cost model support, and hold harmless support) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Communications Act.

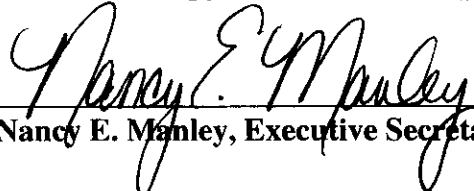
In accordance with the FCC's RTF Order, we direct the Commission's Secretary to inform the Universal Services Administrative Company ("USAC") and the FCC that this Commission has certified that NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners has met the requirements of Section 254(e) and the FCC's RTF Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners shall be, and hereby is, certified by this Commission as having satisfied the requirements of Section 254(e) and the FCC's RTF Order.
2. The Commission's Secretary shall inform the FCC and USAC by April 1, 2004 that Nextel Partners has been so certified.
3. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

MCCARTY, HADLEY AND RIPLEY CONCUR; LANDIS AND ZIEGNER ABSENT:
APPROVED: MAR 31 2004

**I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**



Nancy E. Manley, Executive Secretary